

REMARKS

The Office Action of February 3, 2005 presents the examination of claims 36, 39 and 41-58. Claims 36, 39 and 41-52 are indicated as allowed. Claims 53-58 are canceled.

Claims 53-58 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Afzali-Ardakani '370, IBM Tech Bull. (1975) and Williams et al. '080. Furthermore, claims 57-58 are provisionally rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101, for double patenting should claims 53-54 be found allowable later. All of these claims are canceled rendering these rejections moot.

The present application well-describes and claims patentable subject matter. The favorable action of allowance of the pending claims and passage of the application to issue is respectfully requested.

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicants respectfully petition for one (1) month extension of time for filing a response in connection with the present application. The required fee of \$120.00 is attached hereto.

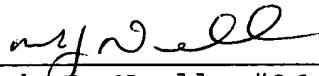
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mark J. Nuell (Reg. No. 36,623) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview

in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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